

International Society of Nephrology

MEMBERSHIP

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 2002 is included in the annual year 2002 dues of US \$150.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. William E. Mitch, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, Emory University, Renal Division, WMB Room 338, 1639 Pierce Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322, USA. (Checks must be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA must be paid through any United States bank.)

MEETINGS

Advanced Nephrology: Nephrology for the Consultant will be held February 6–8, 2003, at the Coronado Island Marriott Resort, Coronado (San Diego), California. This Continuing Medical Education conference is sponsored by the Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, University of California, San Diego, California. Seventeen hours of AMA Category I accreditation (plus additional hours for workshops) will be granted to participants. For further information, contact: Shirley Kolkey, Course Coordinator, 1660 Hotel Circle North, #220, San Diego,

CA 92108. Telephone: (619) 299-6673; Fax: (619) 299-6675; E-mail: c-c-m@worldnet.att.net

The 9th Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology (9th APCN) will be held February 16–20, 2003, at the Pattaya Exhibition and Convention Hall (PEACH), Royal Cliff Beach Resort, Pattaya, Thailand. For further information, contact: Congress Secretariat, Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital, Bangkok 10330, Thailand. Telephone: (662) 252-8087-8; Fax: (662) 252-8089; E-mail: apcn2003@ksc.th.com; Web site: <http://www.nephrothai.org> or <http://www.apcn2003.org>

The II Genoa Meeting on Hypertension, Diabetes, and Renal Diseases*, organized by Giacomo Deferrari, will be held February 28–March 1, 2003, in Genoa, Italy. The deadline for abstract submission is December 15, 2002. For further information, contact: Roberto Pontremoli, M.D., Department of Internal Medicine, Section of Nephrology, University of Genoa, Italy. Fax: 39-010-353-8959; E-mail: rpontrem@medicina.unige.it; Web site: <http://www.aristea.com/diredi03>

The Eighth International Conference on Continuous Renal Replacement Therapies will be held March 6–8, 2003, at the Hotel del Coronado in Coronado (San Diego), California. The deadline for abstract submission is December 6, 2002. For further information, contact: Shirley Kolkey, Complete Conference Management, 1660 Hotel Circle North, #220, San Diego, CA 92108. Telephone: (619) 299-6673; Fax: (619) 299-6675; E-mail: c-c-m@worldnet.att.net; CRRT Web site: <http://www.crrtonline.com>

The World Congress of Nephrology 2003

The World Congress of Nephrology 2003 will be held June 8–12, 2003, at the International Congress Centre in Berlin, Germany. This meeting is jointly organized by the International Society of Nephrology, the European Renal Association/European Dialysis and Transplant Association, the European Society of Pediatric Nephrology, the European Kidney Research Forum, the Gesellschaft für Nephrologie, and the Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Klinische Nephrologie to offer participants a meeting of outstanding scientific scope and quality.

The Scientific Program is designed as a multidisciplinary forum for basic and clinical scientists and will feature state-of-the-art lectures and contributions from specialists in physiology, molecular biology, genetics, pediatric and adult nephrology, renal replacement therapy, including hemodialysis, continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis, renal transplantation, hypertension, and cardiovascular complications in renal disease. The main program will consist of state-of-the-art lectures with invited lec-

tures and specific lectures of the participating societies, symposia, free communications and poster sessions. The Continuing Medical Education sessions will be held in English, Spanish, Polish, and German.

Before the meeting, a training course will be offered for young nephrologists from Eastern Europe and will be complemented by satellite meetings devoted to various aspects of basic and clinical nephrology at several attractive European locations.

SATELLITE MEETINGS

Acute Renal Failure, organized by Norbert Lameire, will be held in Ghent, Belgium, June 13–15, 2003. For further information, contact, Ingrid.verslycken@rug.ac.be or the Web site: <http://www.isnarf2003.be>

Advances in Renal Osteodystrophy, organized by W. Schulz and H.H. Malluche, will be held in Bamberg, Germany, June 13–15, 2003. For further information, contact walter.schulz@klinikum.bamberg.de or the Web site: http://www.bamberg.de/3_medizin/index.phtml

7th Banff Conference on Allograft Pathology, organized by Kim Solez, will be held in Aberdeen, Scotland, Great Britain, June 14–18, 2003. For further information, contact Kim.Solez@ualberta.ca or the Web site: <http://cnserver0.nkf.med.ualberta.ca/Banff/2003/>

End Organ Protection in Arterial Hypertension: Beyond Blood Pressure Control, organized by R. Schmieder and J. Mann, will be held in ICC Berlin, German, June 13, 2003. For further information, contact roland.schmieder@rzmail.uni-erlangen.de or the Web site: <http://www.uni-erlangen.de/dics/FAU/fakultaet/med/kli/kiu/mkIV/KFG1.htm>

Glomerulonephritis and Progression to Renal Insufficiency, organized by D. Schlöndorff, will be held in Kloster Seon, German, June 12–15, 2003. For further information, contact sdorff@pk-I.med.uni-muenchen.de or the Web site: <http://www.glomerulonephritis-sat-wcn.org>

Immune Interventions in Nephrology—Future Trends, organized by F.P. Schena, will be held in Bari, Italy, June 16, 2003. For further information, contact fp.schena@nephro.uniba.it or the Web site: <http://www.health-tech-net.org>

Kidney Transplantation in the Elderly, organized by U. Frei, P. Reinke, R. Schindler, S. Tulus, and K.-U. Eckardt, will be held in Weimar, Germany, June 12–14, 2003. For further information, contact Ulrich.frei@charite.de or the Web site: <http://www/cjarote.de/rv/nephro>

Stem Cells in Renal and Cardiovascular Disease, organized by D. Flieser and H. Haller, will be held in Groß-Dölin (near Berlin), June 13, 2003. For further information, contact haller.Hermann@mh-hannover.de

Molecular Mechanisms in Renal Disease—Ion Channels and Cell Contact, organized by F.C. Luft and H. Haller, will be held in Groß-Dölin (near Berlin), June 14, 2003. For further information, contact fluft@klinikumbuch.de

FELLOWS SPECIAL SESSION

ISN past and present fellows are entitled to present their accepted posters twice: (1) in the “general” dis-

play areas according to category; and (2) in a “special” poster session to which their home and host mentors, as well as senior members of the Society, will be invited and refreshments will be served. The four best posters will be invited to present their work as short oral communications. They will also be awarded medals of distinction and cash prizes. Abstracts must be submitted in accordance with normal Congress procedure. In addition, a copy of each abstract must be submitted to the ISN Secretary-General, Professor Rashad Barsoum, The Cairo Kidney Center, P.O. Box 91, Bab-El-Louk, 11513 Cairo, Egypt. Copies may also be submitted by fax (+20 2 579 0267) or by e-mail (isn@rusys.eg.net). Acknowledgment of receipt shall be sent to each applicant. If the acknowledgment is not received within one week, please contact the Secretary-General's office.

TROPICAL NEPHROLOGY SESSION

A poster session will be assigned to the subject of Tropical Nephrology. Presenting authors of the four best abstracts will automatically receive travel grants according to the general terms of the World Congress of Nephrology and will be invited to present their work as short, oral, free communications. Abstracts must be submitted in accordance with normal Congress procedure. Winners will be informed about their grants and details of the oral presentation two weeks after the announcement of abstract acceptance.

The Congress will be accompanied by a large industry exhibition, in addition to a cultural program, including a symphony concert and an evening museum tour. Travel grants from the ERA-EDTA and the ISN will be available on application. For further information on the Congress, contact: WCN 2003 Congress Office, Via Spolverini 2, 43100 Parma, Italy. Telephone: +39 0521 989078; Fax: +39 0521 959242; E-mail: congress@euromeetings.it; Web site: www.nephrology-2003.org

AWARDS AND GRANTS

The Lillian Jean Kaplan International Prize for Advancement in Understanding of Polycystic Kidney Disease

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the PKD Foundation are pleased to announce the establishment of this prize, which will be awarded in recognition to those who have increased the understanding and treatment of polycystic kidney disease (PKD) through basic or clinical scientific research. This award is made possible by the generous pledge of Dr. Thomas Kaplan in honor of his mother who was afflicted with PKD prior to her death in 2002.

Each recipient will receive \$50,000 and a framed certificate with an appropriate citation. Normally, the prize is to be awarded to a single individual. If two individuals are selected, they will share the prize equally. The prize will be awarded without restrictions to nationality, race,

religion, or gender. A joint advisory committee representing members of the ISN and PKD Foundation will recommend recipients of the award. To be considered for the award, nomination letters must be sent to Dr. Nathan W. Levin, The Advisory Committee Chair, Renal Research Institute, 202 East 94th Street, New York, NY, USA, 10128. These letters of nomination should describe the role of the nominee in a biomedical advance relevant to PKD and should be accompanied by a full curriculum vitae with a complete mailing address and at least two supporting letters that detail a major discovery or sustained advance in the study of PKD. Nominations must be received by February 1, 2003. The first award will be presented at the ISN Congress in Berlin in 2003 and, thereafter, every 2 years at the Congress of the ISN. For further details, contact: www.isn-online-org/index.html and www.pkdcure.org